WHAT IS CLAIMED

1.   1.   A method for facilitating a transaction of a life sciences opportunity between first and

2.   second parties, comprising:

3.   receiving answers to predetermined life sciences opportunity questions from a

4.   first party;

5.   acquiring responses to said predetermined life sciences opportunity questions

6.   from a second party;

7.   calculating a first sum of all of said responses that match said answers, for each

8.   of said predetermined life sciences opportunity questions;

9.   computing, from said answers and said responses, a second sum of all of said

10.   questions that both said first party and said second party deem to be applicable to said

11.   transaction, for each of said predetermined life sciences opportunity questions; and

12.   displaying said first sum and said second sum to said second party, such that

13.   said second party can assess said life sciences opportunity.

    2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising a step prior to said displaying step of
generating a ratio of said first sum to said second sum, where said ratio is an indication of
compatibility of said life sciences opportunity to transaction requirements of said second party.

1.   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein said generating step comprises producing said ratio

2.   where a numerator of the ratio is the first sum and a denominator of the ratio is the second

3.   sum.

1.   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein said answers and said responses are selected from a

2.   group consisting of: "Yes", "No," and "Not Applicable."

1.   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein said predetermined questions are technical questions

2.   relating to life sciences opportunities.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein said calculating step comprises determining said first

2   sum of all of said responses that match said answers for each of said predetermined life

3   sciences opportunity questions, and where each response and each answer are "Yes."

1   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein said computing step comprises determining from said

2   answers and said responses, a second sum of all of said questions that said first party did not

3   provide a "Not Applicable" answer to, and of all of said questions that said first party provided

4   a "Yes" response to, for each of said predetermined life sciences opportunity questions.

1   8.   The method of claim 1, further including the step of notifying the second party when a

2   life sciences opportunity matching transaction requirements of said second party becomes

3   available.

1   9.   The method of claim 9, wherein the notifying step includes the step of sending an

2   electronic message to the second party.

1   10.   The method of claim 1, wherein said first party is a seller of a life sciences opportunity

2   and said second party is a buyer of a life sciences opportunity.

1   11.   A computer program product for use in conjunction with a computer system, the

2   computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium and a computer

3   program mechanism embedded therein, the computer program mechanism comprising:

4   instructions for receiving answers to predetermined life sciences opportunity

5   questions from a first party;

6   instructions for acquiring responses to said predetermined life sciences

7   opportunity questions from a second party;

8   instructions for calculating a first sum of all of said responses that match said

9   answers, for each of said predetermined life sciences opportunity questions;

10   instructions for computing, from said answers and said responses, a second sum

11   of all of said questions that both said first party and said second party deem to be

12 applicable to said transaction, for each of said predetermined life sciences opportunity

13 questions; and

14   instructions for displaying said first sum and said second sum to said second

15 party, such that said second party can assess said life sciences opportunity.

1 12. The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising instructions for

2 generating a ratio of said first sum to said second sum, where said ratio is an indication of

compatibility of said life sciences opportunity to transaction requirements of said second party.